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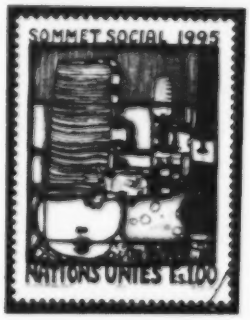
To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Conference and Support Services

Subject: FIRST DAY OF ISSUE: "SOCIAL SUMMIT" STAMPS, SOUVENIR CARD AND NEW POSTAL STATIONERY

COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

1. On 3 February 1995, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of three commemorative stamps on the theme "Social summit" to commemorate the World Summit for Social Development, to be held at Copenhagen from 6 to 12 March 1995. The stamps were created by Friedensreich Hundertwasser (Austria), and are his second set for the United Nations. They were engraved by Wolgang Seidel (Austria).



Denomination:	50 cents	F.s. 1,00	S 14
Quantity:	1,250,000	1,125,000	1,375,000

(United States equivalents - F.s. 1,00: 76 cents and S 14: $1.28 - subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)

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2. The stamps were printed in one-colour intaglio and four-colour photogravure by the Government Printing Office (Austria). They measure 32.25 mm horizontally x 42 mm vertically, perforation to perforation. Perforation: 13 3/4 x 13 3/4. The vertical sheets each contain 25 stamps and the margin of each sheet will carry the full signature of the artist: Friedensreich Regentag Hundertwasser Dunkelbunt.

SOUVENIR CARD

3. The forty-seventh in a series of souvenir cards will also be released on 3 February 1995 to coincide with the "Social summit" issue. The card, which was designed by United Nations staff member Robert Stein, depicts the three new stamps and carries a statement by the Secretary-General. A quantity of 73,000 cards were printed in offset by the Government Printing Office (Austria). The souvenir cards will be available for approximately four months while supplies last.

NEW PRE-STAMPED ENVELOPES

4. On 3 February 1995, two new cacheted pre-stamped envelopes in denominations of S 6 and S 7 will be issued to meet current Austrian postal rates. The envelopes were designed by Hannes Margreiter (Austria). The S 6 envelope depicts the Vienna International Centre and the S 7 envelope features a landscape illustration. Initial quantities of 128,000 each have been printed in offset by Mercury-Walch Pty. Ltd. (Australia). The envelopes are priced at S 9 (83 cents) and S 10 (92 cents) respectively, subject to exchange rate fluctuation.

GENERAL INFORMATION

5. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first day covers on the UNPA official first day cachets ONLY. The new pre-stamped envelopes will also be available with a first day cancellation.

6. Members of delegations and the staff may obtain the new stamps, souvenir card, pre-stamped envelopes and first day cancellations on Friday, 3 February, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building: 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

7. Staff members are encouraged to use United Nations stamps on their personal mail. By doing so, these miniature messengers of peace can educate unseen thousands of people to the activities and goals of the United Nations.